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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Actions mailed on September 15, 2004 wherein Claim 1-3 and 6-10 were rejected, Claims 4 and 20 were indicated to include allowable subject matter, and Claims 11-14, 16-19, and 21-24 were allowed. Claims 4 and 20 have been cancelled and Claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-19, and 21-24 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claim 4 as being indefinite. Applicants have cancelled Claim 4.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102

On page 3 of the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C § 102 as being anticipated by Gospodar.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 with the claim elements of Claim 4. The Examiner has indicated such a combination would put Claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claim 1 and its corresponding dependent claims, including Claims 6-10, should now be in condition for allowance.

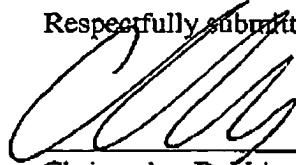
CONCLUSION

The entire Office Action dated September 15, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-19, and 21-24 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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If for some reason a fee needs to be paid please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

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